


**CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA REPORT**

**SUBJECT:** Arts Commission minutes for special meeting on April 12, 2010

**AGENDA DATE:** June 1, 2010

**PREPARED BY:** Sandra Tauler,  Community Services Director

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA BY:** Victor M. Carrillo, City Manager

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Prior action/information)**

**DISCUSSION (Current consideration)**

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THE ARTS COMMISSION MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2010 AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, 608 HEBER AVE, CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR HOLDING SUCH SAID MEETING.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

*Present:*

Bill Hodge  
Soledad Salazar  
Sergio Gaytan  
Hildy Carrillo  
Sandra Tauler, Community Services Director

*Absent:*

Judith Mazon

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The flag salute was lead by Chairman Hodge.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Commissioner Carrillo, seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously, the agenda was approved as delivered.

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

*Commissioner Gaytan* asked Ms. Tauler about the status of the Cultural Arts Center. Ms. Tauler replied that the Cultural Arts Center, and the De Anza Hotel, have both been red tagged and no one knows when they will be re-opened.

*Commissioner Gaytan* suggested that because of the unknown state of the building that the art exhibit he was planning to have in May be postponed until the Summer or Fall. City Manager, Victor Carrillo, stated that the senior citizens who were residing at the De Anza Hotel are not being allowed to enter the De Anza because of environmental issues.

*Commissioner Carrillo* mentioned that the owner of the Calexico Price Center offered the Arts Commission use of some of the empty spaces for art exhibits.

On behalf of the Arts Commission, *Chairman Hodge* thanked Mr. Carrillo and the other City officials for all their hard work and efforts.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Guadalupe Solorzano, also known as Maria Bradley, introduced herself as a local artist who has had her work exhibited at the Cultural Arts Center. She is new to the Valley, having only just lived here for a year. Before moving here she worked as a special education teacher in Mexico. She has not worked in the year that she has been living here and decided to do more than art during her free time. She created a cook book and presented each Commissioner with a copy. She would like to have a space at the Library to promote her cook book.

Commissioner Carrillo liked the book and suggested that Mrs. Bradley set up a booth for both her book and art work during the Mariachi Festival festivities. Commissioner Carrillo also suggested having a presentation of the book sometime in the fall, with a video showing different community members preparing the recipes that are in her book.

City Manager, Victor Carrillo, informed the Commission that he had been contacted by Dan Navarro, cousin of Dave Navarro, because he is interested in having a benefit concert for the City to help with the earthquake damages. Dan Navarro is an Imperial Valley native and a famous composer/musician. He has written songs for various artists, movies and television programs. He would like to discuss the idea of a benefit concert to see if Calexico can really benefit from it. Mr. Carrillo suggested having a conference call with Dan Navarro during the week. Chairman Hodge said that he would really like the Arts Commission to be involved in this event. A conference call meeting was set for Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30p.m. in the City Manager's conference room.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by Commissioner Carrillo, seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously the minutes for the regular meeting on March 1, 2010, were approved as delivered.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Chairman Hodge asked how the grant searching was coming along. Ms. Tauler replied that they are still working on finding grants.

Ms. Tauler suggested that the Strategic Plan Implementation be placed on the agenda three times a year, instead of on every meeting date. This would allow time for goals to be met and for the Commissioners to discuss it on a periodic basis. The Commissioners agreed to this.

### **YOUTH ART EXHIBIT II – EVALUATION/REVIEW**

Commissioner Salazar stated that the exhibit went well and was a lot of fun, but that she was disappointed to see so few participants from Calexico.

Commissioner Gaytan stated that the Art teacher in Brawley is very involved and really pushes his students. He said that the participants seemed to be very satisfied with being able to exhibit their artwork.

City Manager Carrillo asked if the art show was limited to High School students, because he has seen art work done by Jr. High students and was very impressed by it. Ms. Tauler replied that the exhibit was open to 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grad students in the whole Imperial Valley.

Chairman Hodge suggested that next time the Arts Commission should take the initiative and go to the schools and talk to the students.

### **ESTABLISH A NON-PROFIT ACCOUNT UNDER THE CALEXICO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Commissioner Carrillo explained that having an account under the Calexico Chamber would allow the Arts Commission to have more control over the money that goes in and out of the account. Everything is clear and the accounting is done by Myer & Myer business services. Reports are sent out periodically so that it is easier to account for any transactions made. In order to create the account, the City must first create a memorandum of understanding with the Calexico Chamber of Commerce. On motion by Commissioner Salazar, seconded by

Commissioner Gaytan, and passed unanimously, the Commission will create a non-profit account under the Calxico Chamber of Commerce.

**WOMEN'S ART SHOW, JULY 5-9, 2010, PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONER CARRILLO-RIVERA**

Commissioner Carrillo is trying to coordinate the opening day of the art show with the reorganization of the City Council. Everything is ready except for the location since the Cultural Arts Center is no longer available. She is confident that she will have no problem finding a new location.

**ARTS COMMISSION 60'S DANCE FUNDRAISER**

Chairman Hodge state that he would like to postpone the 60's dance until further notice because he does not know in what condition the Elk's lodge is in, and if people will feel comfortable attending such an event at this time. City Manager Carrillo stated that the Elk's lodge was scheduled to be inspected this weekend, but that he had not heard what condition the building was in.

All Commissioners agreed to postpone the dance until further notice. Chairman Hodge asked that this item be placed on next month's agenda.

**"TRANSCENDENCE" BY ARMANDO AHUATZI**

Ms. Tauler reported that the exhibit featuring the paintings of renowned artist Armando Ahuatzi was scheduled to start on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, but that because of the earthquake this is no longer possible, at least not at the Cultural Arts Center. The paintings are currently stuck in the Cultural Arts Center, but hopefully they will be able to retrieve them before the end of the month, and exhibit them at the Library. Ms. Tauler reported that she does not yet know if any of the paintings have been damaged or when they will be able to go in. She has however been allowed to keep the paintings for a longer time than what was originally planned.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Ms. Tauler reported that the classes that were being held at the Cultural Arts Center have been moved to the Community Center.
- Ms. Tauler will keep the Commissioners informed on the status of the Cultural Arts Center.

**INFORMATION**

ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

NLW FLYER

CLAEXICO HISTORY MUSEUM FLYER

SURE HELPLINE FLYER - - METH DEPENDENCY & USE DURING RAPE

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: MAY 3, 2010**